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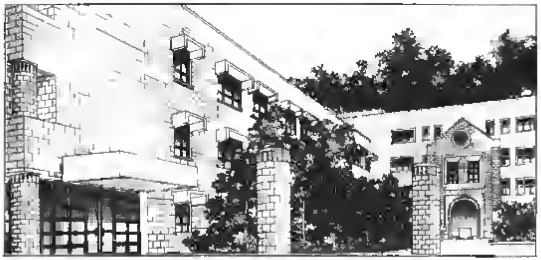


HERE, I'VE ORGANIZED YOUR NOTES.
SO THIS IS WORTH 2,000 WON.
NAH~! YOU GOTTA FINISH IT.
NO WAY!

NO THANKS. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS MUST BE HANDLED WITH A COOL HEAD
FOR A BUSINESSMAN, TIME IS MONEY.

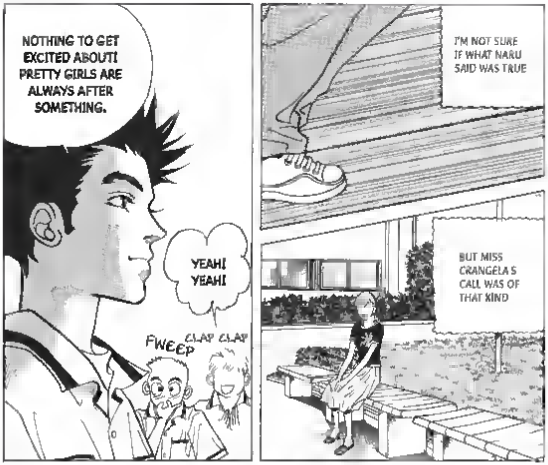
NARU! THERE IS SOMETHING I'VE BEEN REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT...
WHERE DO YOU SPEND ALL THAT MONEY YOU'VE RAKED IN BY WORKING YOUR BUTT OFF?

YOU SEE, I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT GOAL.
BUT I'VE TOLD MYSELF NOT TO TELL ANYONE UNTIL I MAKE 80% OF MY GOAL AMOUNT.

JAEHEE! YOU DON'T KNOW EITHER?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING NARU'S PERFORMANCE ABSENTMINDEDLY
UH... HUH...

JAEHEE YOO! MISS CRANGELA WANTS YOU~.

WHOA. YOU'RE ON THE A LIST NOW THAT SUCH A BEAUTY IS LOOKING FOR YOU.
SHE'S ASKING FOR ME?


NOTHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT! PRETTY GIRLS ARE ALWAYS AFTER SOMETHING.
YEAH! YEAH!
FWEEP
CLAP CLAP
I'M NOT SURE IF WHAT NARU SAID WAS TRUE
BUT MISS CRANGELA S CALL WAS OF THAT KIND

YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME?
WARM EXPRESSION

IT MAKES ME THINK THAT IT'LL TAKE A LOT TO REFUSE THAT GAZE.
I'VE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST WAY .

WILL YOU HELP DAI..
GET THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR AND GRADUATE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE?

I DIDN'T MEAN TO... ASK FOR YOUR HELP BUT...
IT SEEMS... YOU STILL DON'T KNOW DAI, MISS JIN.
DAI DOESN'T LISTEN TO ANYONE.
IF SOMEONE LOVES YOU, THEY GIVE YOU A POWER OVER THEM.
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

AT THAT MOMENT
I BECAME CURIOUS AS TO HOW IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR MISS CRANGELA, A DEVOUT CATHOLIC, TO ACKNOWLEDGE US
OUR...
LOVE IS..
SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE REALM OF HER GOD
OKAY...
WHEN I BEGAN TO THINK THAT MAYBE SHE BELIEVED MORE IN HUMAN BEINGS THAN IN GOD..
THERE SEEMED TO BE TRANSPARENT WINGS BEHIND HER. WINGS THAT DAI HAD SAID HIS GRANDMA HAD
PURE FAITH IN HUMANITY... EASILY MOVES US
HELP, JAEHEE. YOU MUST... HELP ME.
PLEASE.
ARE YOU TELLING ME EUNHYUNG HASN'T COME TO SCHOOL FOR DAYS NOW?
IT CAN'T BE...
HER GRADES HAVE BEEN IMPROVING RECENTLY... AND EVERYTHING WAS GOING BACK TO NORMAL.

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GRIP
WHAT DID YOU SAY. .?! YOU LITTLE—.
LET GO!
SON OF A BITCH.
KUKK
NOW WHAT'S THIS TRASH?
PHOOK
GET LOST!
KIHZ
FOR AN ASSHOLE LIKE YOU, EVEN TRASH IS TOO GOOD.

KOFF
EE..EE...
DON'T YOU THINK?
EE...NNNG..

HEY, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE HIT ROCK BOTTOM.
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
HAVE A DRAG! YOU MUST BE DYING FOR IT...

UM. .
YOU AND JAEHEE... WHAT THE HELL KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU GUYS HAVE?!
A RELATIONSHIP THAT YOU RE NOT ALLOWED TO EVEN ASK ABOUT.
WHAT...?
SNAP OUT OF IT AND GO BACK HOME THESE STREETS ARE TOO DANGEROUS FOR GIRLS TO PLAY IN.
IS THAT IT .?

DID YOU STAY FOR ME UNTIL I FINISHED MY CIGARETTE?
THAT'S FUNNY THAT'S REALLY FUNNY
WHAT I'M SURE ABOUT IS
YOUR KINDNESS REEKS OF BLOOD THAT'S WHY I HATE IT
HEY~, WHO'S THIS?

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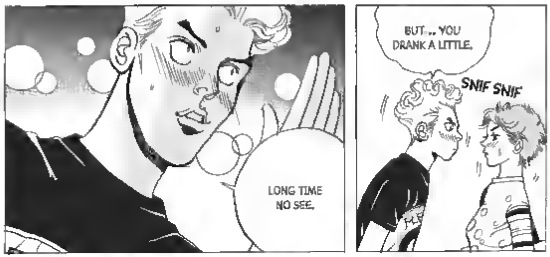
DIARY IN RED PEN



...
HEY, BY THE WAY.. YOUR HAIR IS MUCH LONGER NOW.
SCRATCH
DANG~ GIRL LOOK AT THAT CREEPY EXPRESSION.
BOSS ASK HER TO HANG OUT WITH US
...
BOSS
HAS NO MALL!!
...
F.. FORGET IT... IF YOU DON'T WANNA TALK.
F...BYE...
HUH~ THAT IDIOT
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, YOU DUMBASS?!
DID YOU...
JUST... ASK ME TO STAY?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? I HAVEN'T EVEN SAID ANYTHING YET, YOU IDIOT.
OOOOH .. OOH...
..HE LOOKS LIKE.
HE'S IN THE STARTING BLOCKS FOR THE 50 METER DASH.

KAPWINNGG!
OF COURSE.
YOU WANNA HANG OUT WITH ME TODAY?
YOU BETCHA!
YOU CAN SHOW ME A GOOD TIME?
YESSSSSS!
WHERE TO?
WHEREVER. GOOHEE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT!
BUT OF COURSE!
WHAT THE.. SHE'S KINDA PRETTY...
MAYBE SHE'S TOTALLY INTO GOOHEE?
SHE ALWAYS PLAYED SO HARD TO GET...
TOTTER
BUT THE FLOWERS THE CLOTHES THEY ALL CAME OUT OF MY POCKET
IN ANY CASE. WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I KEEP BUMPING INTO HER..
I GUESS I LIKE HER. I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE TILL NOW
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP!
WHAT'S WITH THOSE FACES? WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO GET TRASHED.
WHAT'S THIS?
SNATCH

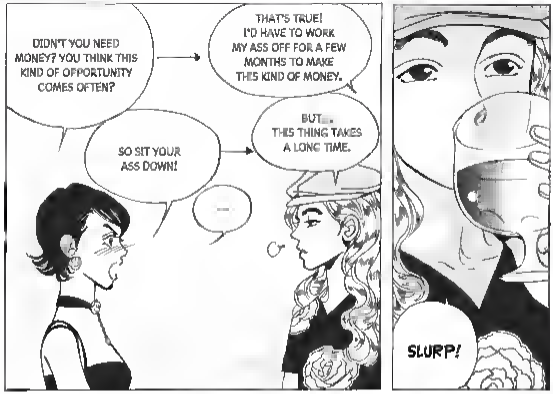
THIS IS...
ME!
THAT... THAT'S RIGHT!
FOR SOME REASON I'M GETTING THIS OMINOUS FEELING...
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS. WHERE WAS IT TAKEN?
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO?
WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, GIRLIE!
I WAS JUST PASSING BY, AND I JUST TOOK IT BECAUSE YOU LOOKED PRETTY.
YOU THINK THAT MAKES SENSE, YOU IDIOT?!
I CAN TELL! YOU MUST'VE PLANNED THIS!
WHATEVER HAPPENED, IT DOESN'T MATTER!
GIMME!
GOSH-, I CAN'T WATCH THIS ANYMORE!
LEAVE THIS TO ME, BOSS.
HEY! I'LL DO THE TALKING-. THE CLOTHES YOU'RE WEARING IN THIS PICTURE! MY BOSS BOUGHT THEM FOR YOU!
YOU KNOW THAT MUCH, DON'T YOU?
WHAT...
I TOOK THIS PICTURE FOR HIM BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SEE YOU WEARING THEM!
YOU HAPPY?

I SEE.
SO IT WASN'T NARU "
D... DOESN'T SHE LOOK TOO SERIOUS?

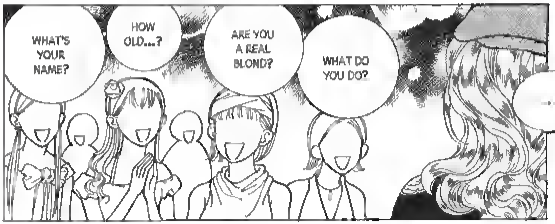
WHA...WHAT'S WRONG...?
DID WE DO SOMETHING REALLY BAD?
IF... IF YOU'RE THAT UPSET, I APOLOGIZE.
NO...
I'M ACTUALLY THANKFUL...
THOSE CLOTHES... I REALLY LIKE THEM.

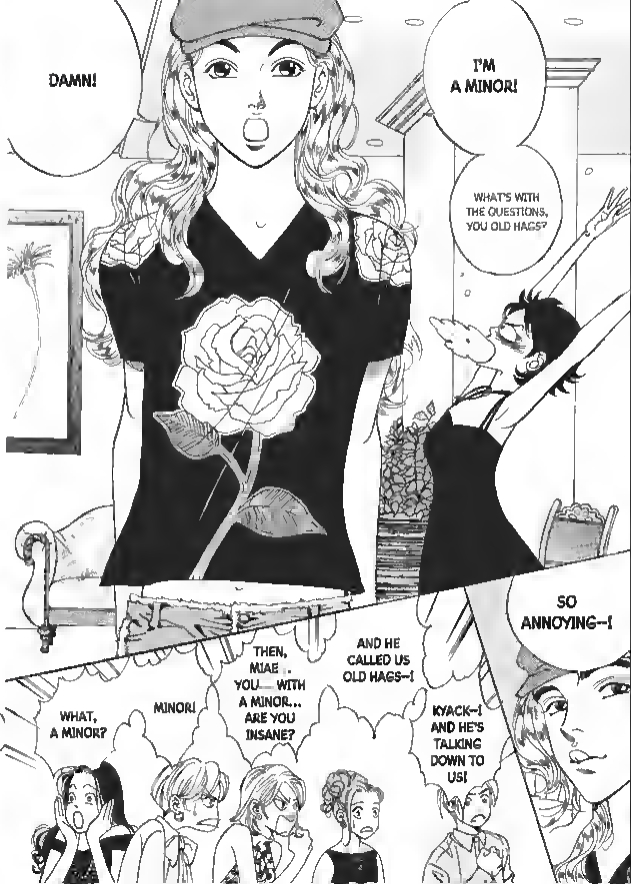
THANKS...
THANKS...
LET'S FORGET...
A STUPID THING LIKE
HOPELESS REALITY
I AM A DAYFLY...
A DAYFLY...
THAT HAS NO WORRIES
FOR TOMORROW...
DARN, IT'S
BOTHERING
ME...
IT'S TOTALLY
BOTHERING ME...
MAN...
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOU? YOU'VE
BEEN ACTING LIKE
THIS FOR SOME
TIME NOW
..
SOMEBODY...
IS MAKING ME FEEL
VERY UNCOMFORTABLE,
AND THE FEELING
GETS WORSE AS
TIME GOES ON!
I REALLY
SHOULD HAVE
TOLD HER THEN.
LET MY TRUE
FEELINGS OUT!
I'VE ALWAYS
KNOWN THAT
I WAS
A COOL GUY...
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW
I WAS *THIS* COOL!
(I'VE FALLEN
FOR MYSELF!)
I MUST SAY THIS!
GOD!
REALLY,
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOU?

YOU ARE WORKING PART TIME AS MY DISPOSABLE PARTNER TODAY!
I AM YOUR EMPLOYER, SO DON'T ACT AS YOU PLEASE!
HMPH! SO FULL OF YOURSELF!
YOU KNOW, THAT KIND OF TALK PERFECTLY SUITS THE DAUGHTER OF A MILLIONAIRE!
WAS A MILLION WON IF I GO ON TO ROUND TWO?
IF YOU'RE GONNA CALCULATE THAT KIND OF THING, DO IT IN YOUR HEAD!
I'VE BEEN ON THE CLOCK FOR TWO HOURS SO FAR, SO THAT MUST BE 10,000 WON
WHAT, ARE YOU TRYING TO LEAVE NOW?
NO! HOW DO YOU THINK THAT'LL MAKE ME LOOK?
YEAH... THERE'S A GIRL WHO'S REALLY ON MY MIND...
THAT GUY... THE GUY THAT MIAE BROUGHT... HE'S REALLY CUTE!
WHERE IS HE FROM? HE STANDS OUT SO MUCH...
IS HE A MODEL, OR AN ACTOR?
YEAH, SHE'S REAL GOOD! WHERE DID SHE GET SUCH A CUTE YOUNG STUD~?
GIRL... YOU KNOW HOW MIAE ALWAYS WORKS HER ASS OFF TO STAND OUT AMONG US, THAT BITCH!
DID YOU SAY MY PAY FOR THE DAY...


DIDN'T YOU NEED MONEY? YOU THINK THIS KIND OF OPPORTUNITY COMES OFTEN?
THAT'S TRUE! I'D HAVE TO WORK MY ASS OFF FOR A FEW MONTHS TO MAKE THIS KIND OF MONEY.
SO SIT YOUR ASS DOWN!
BUT... THIS THING TAKES A LONG TIME.
SLURP!

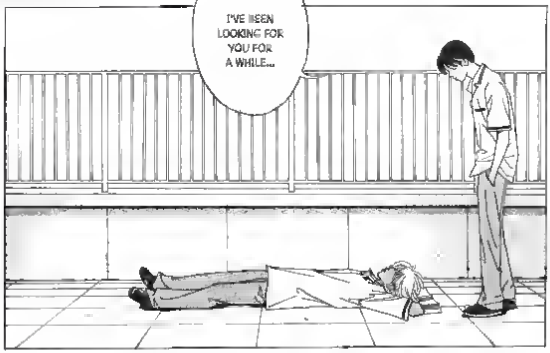
HEY~, MIAE, YOU'VE GOT SOME NICE ARM CANDY! YOU'RE GOOD~!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DID I EVER SUCK?
ARM CANDY?
I'M STANDING RIGHT HERE..


WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HOW OLD...?
ARE YOU A REAL BLOND?
WHAT DO YOU DO?


DAMN!
I'M A MINOR!
WHAT'S WITH THE QUESTIONS, YOU OLD HAGS?
SO ANNOYING~!
WHAT, A MINOR?
MINOR!
THEN, MIAE.. YOU— WITH A MINOR... ARE YOU INSANE?
AND HE CALLED US OLD HAGS~!
KYACK~! AND HE'S TALKING DOWN TO US!

I CAN'T DO THIS! I'M OFF!
MONEY'S GOOD, BUT I REALLY CAN'T PLAY THE ROLE OF SOMEONE WHO STROKES THE EGO OF DITZY MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN WHO PRETEND TO BE ALL ELEGANT!
I STILL PREFER THE MONEY THAT I EARN FROM HARD LABOR!
*CAUSE WHEN I SWEAT, I GET [redacted] OF KNOWING THAT I'VE LIVED MY LIFE TO THE FULLEST!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST RUDE...
BUT YOU WERE ALSO A GRUNT WORKER!
THIS MONEY IS WHAT YOU'VE WORKED FOR. TAKE IT AND LEAVE, PLEASE!
YOU EMBARRASSED THE SHIT OUT OF ME TODAY.
NO, YOU OLD HAG.
TAKE THIS MONEY AND GET YOUR PUFFY A MOUNTAIN OF FOOD.
I'LL TAKE THIS OUTFIT FOR MY WORK.
YOU . . . YOU...
BYE NOW, EVERYBODY!
OH MY...
HE'S COOL.
I KNOW.
I'VE BECOME HIS FAN!
...
STOMP
ZWiiiiiii
WH-
UMP
WHA...WHAT A WASTE!
WHAT A WASTE!

I COULDN'T DO IT ESPECIALLY TODAY BECAUSE OF EUNHYUNG
I KEPT FEELING BAD
WHY IS SHE ON MY MIND?
IS IT BECAUSE OF... THOSE STUPID CLOTHES?
WHAT EUNHYUNG WANTED... WASN'T FOR HER HORRIBLE SITUATION TO VANISH...
BUT TO VANISH HERSELF
LIFE RUSHES TOWARD INFINITY
TRUTH ALWAYS EXISTS IN THE LIMITLESS MEANING OF LIFE.
WHAT I WANTED...
WASN'T TO LOOK FOR THE TRUTH...
CONGRESSMAN INVOLVED IN MR. WOO'S CORRUPT ACTIVITY
THE EYE OF THE STORM
BUT FOR MYSELF TO BE TRUTHFUL.


I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR A WHILE...

YO~, HERE'S THE MODEL STUDENT.

PBT

I READ THE PAPERS.

ABOUT MY FATHER?

YEAH... THAT HE'S INVOLVED IN THE POLICE CHIEF'S CORRUPTION CASE..

YOU WORRIED ABOUT HIM?
ABOUT YOU

BOLT

?

THAT BASTARD SHOULD BE HUNG FROM HIS ANKLES IN A CAGE!!
HE'S TOO STRONG TO BE CONSIDERED A HUMAN BEING
WHENEVER DAI TALKS ABOUT HIS FAMILY HE'S ALWAYS CREEPY

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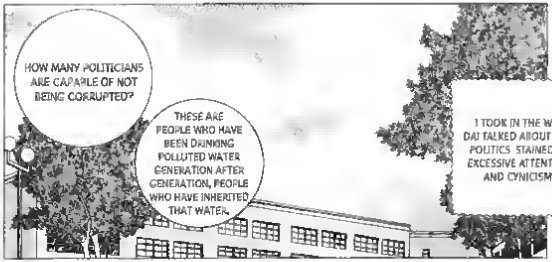
HOW CAN YOU TALK LIKE THAT?
THIS INCIDENT IS BIG ENOUGH TO SHATTER YOUR FAMILY!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I MEAN THE KIND OF FACE ONLY THAT KIND OF CREATURE CAN HAVE.
HE ALWAYS. . WEARS AN EXPRESSION THAT SAYS HE WON'T ACCEPT YOUR SLIGHTEST FLAWS.
HE'S STRICT LIKE A KNIFE... WITH A CRUEL SHARPNESS TO GO WITH IT.
HE REALLY... NEVER LOOKED HUMAN TO ME, NOT ONCE! SO...
I LEARNED AT AN EARLY AGE HOW SUFFOCATING ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY CAN BE.
I... I DON'T KNOW!
SHOULD WE TRY FALLING DOWN FROM HERE TOGETHER?
URGI I HAVE A FEAR OF HEIGHTS!
YOU SEE, MY FATHER IS... HE'S A CREATURE THAT'S ONLY GONE UP AND NEVER FELL DOWN.
DO YOU... KNOW WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION SUCH A CREATURE WEARS ON HIS FACE?

IF I DIDN'T ESCAPE HIS SHADOW QUICKLY ENOUGH ...
I WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE A TRAINED DOG FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
AND NOT GROW UP LIKE A HUMAN BEING, BUT TRAINED LIKE AN ANIMAL...
THAT'S WHAT I FEARED THE MOST..
SINCE THEN, I ALWAYS HAD A GOAL.
HAFF
HAFF
I PROMISED MYSELF THAT I'D MAKE SURE TO SEE THAT CREATURE TAKE A FALL HEAD FIRST-
I'LL WATCH IF HE CAN LIVE ALL HIS LIFE WITHOUT ANY FAILURES...


HOW MANY POLITICIANS ARE CAPABLE OF NOT BEING CORRUPTED?
THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DRINKING POLLUTED WATER GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, PEOPLE WHO HAVE INHERITED THAT WATER.
I TOOK IN THE WAY DAI TALKED ABOUT OUR POLITICS STAINED BY EXCESSIVE ATTENTION AND CYNICISM

YEAH!
THAT'S WHY THOSE BASTARDS NEVER ROT AWAY AND DISAPPEAR!

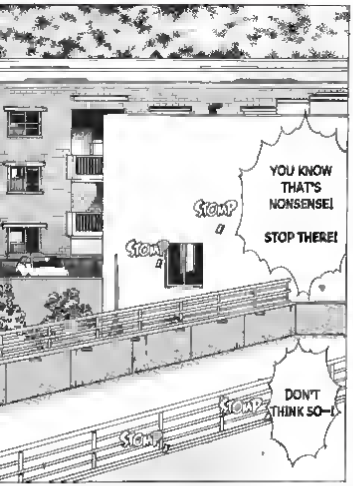
WOW~, IT FEELS LIKE I'M REALLY GONNA FALL.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I HUNG OVER THE RAIL LIKE THIS?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE SCARED OF HEIGHTS~. DON'T BE ENJOYING IT!

PBT
RECENTLY THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE MEDIA HAVE BEEN BUZZING OVER SOME POLITICIAN'S CORRUPTION SCANDAL
AS THE HIDDEN TRUTHS UNRAVELED ONE AFTER ANOTHER NEW NAMES WERE REVEALED LIKE PREY RELENTLESSLY CAUGHT IN A SPIDER'S WEB
AT THE EYE OF THE STORM, DAI'S FATHER STOOD AS THE KEY ELEMENT.
I KNOW VERY WELL HOW MUCH PAIN THE FALL OF A FATHER CAN BRING TO HIS FAMILY
EVEN DAI WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID ITS INFLUENCE
I PROMISED MISS CRANGELA I'D HELP HER I'D DO IT FOR DAI. WHAT WAS I THINKING? WHAT CAN I POSSIBLY DO FOR DAI WHEN HE'S IN THIS SITUATION?
MAN~! IT'S SERIOUSLY BURNING!

..
WHAT ARE YOU SO ABSORBED IN?
THOUGHTS OF YOU
...
SHOULD WE HAVE A RUNNING CONTEST?
WHOEVER MAKES MORE TURNS WINS.
SHOULD WE BET SOMETHING?

THE LOSER BECOMES THE WINNER'S SLAVE FOR A DAY.
A SLAVE ..?
MMM... COOL, EH?!
WHOOSH
-YOU CHEAT!

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
HEY! STOP RIGHT THERE...
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
!
WHOOSH!
WHOOSH
WHIRL
I WIN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU SAID WE WERE GONNA TURN AFTER WE RUN ALL THE WAY TO THE END!
WHEN DID I SAY THAT?
HUT
TWO
THREE
FOUR!
I JUST SAID WHOEVER MAKES MORE TURNS WINS!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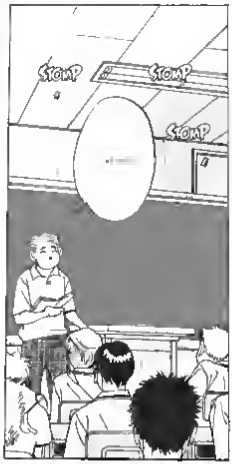
YOU KNOW THAT'S NONSENSE!
STOP THERE!
STOMP
STOMP
DON'T THINK SO—!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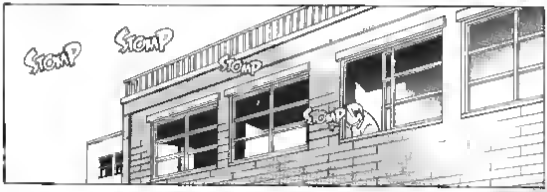
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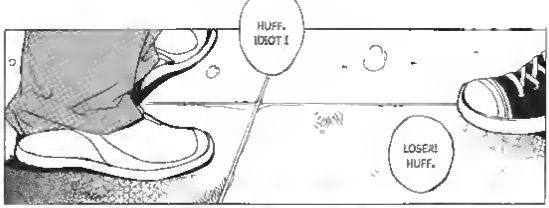
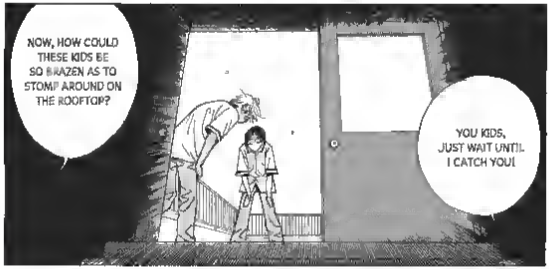
HUFF.

HUFF!


HUFF. IDIOT!
STOMP
LOSER! HUFF.


NOW, HOW COULD THESE KIDS BE SO BRAZEN AS TO STOMP AROUND ON THE ROOFTOP?
YOU KIDS, JUST WAIT UNTIL I CATCH YOU!

HUH? NO ONE'S HERE
THERE WERE DEFINITELY SOME KIDS UP HERE.. I HEARD LOUD STOMPING, I'M TELLING YOU.

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HIDING..
I'LL GO UP AROUND THE WATER TANK, WHY DON'T YOU CHECK THE BACK?
SURE.

WE'RE IN TROUBLE. I THINK THEY'RE COMING TO THIS SIDE.
PIT PAT
SHH! QUIET! HOW CAN YOU LAUGH IN THIS SITUATION?!
SIT! YOU WUSS!
EVEN IF THAT STUFFY OLD PRICK COMES OVER HERE,...
I'M NOT GONNA RUN ANYMORE!
THEN, WHY DID YOU HIDE?
KID,
I HID FOR YOU.
CLIK

WHERE COULD THOSE KIDS HAVE HIDDEN?
THEY MUST HAVE LEFT BEFORE WE CAME UP.
HA! THEY'RE PRETTY FEARLESS.
ROAR
ROAR
ROAR
ROAR
LET'S GO BACK DOWN NOW! KIDS ARE GETTING LOUD WITHOUT US.
OKAY.
MISS JIN
THEY'RE NOT HERE. ARE THEY OVER THERE?
WITH DAI'S INDIFFERENCE THAT DIDN'T ALLOW SO MUCH AS A RESPONSE BEHIND, I COULD SEE THE EXPRESSION ON MISS CRANGELA'S FACE.
I DON'T SEE THEM EITHER!
"JAEHEE, YOU LEAD DAI TO HIS CLASSES " "I'M COUNTING ON YOU!"
WHAT A RIDICULOUS AND STINKY THING.
HER ATTITUDE THAT SAYS I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT EVERYTHING ... WHAT'S UNDERNEATH THAT ATTITUDE...?

I BET THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT HER. I'VE LEARNED THAT NO MATTER HOW THEN YOU SLICE IT, THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO SIDES.
EAT THIS.
I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE...
THAT'S A BAD SAY...
WHY ARE YOU BEING THAT WAY? MISS CHANGELA IS NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON.
HMPH!
THE WAY SHE LOOKED AT YOU WAS SUSPICIOUS.
WOMEN .. THEY'RE TOO PERVERTED WHEN IT COMES TO PRETTY YOUNG BOYS.
YOU DO HAVE AN EYE FOR WHO'S GOOD-LOOKING!
I'M A PRETTY BOY, RIGHT?
IT'S REALLY QUIET...
EVEN NOW... THIS MOMENT IS PROBABLY PASSING BY LIKE THOSE CLOUDS.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ALWAYS SAY LOVING WORDS... FOR THOSE WHO ARE PRECIOUS TO YOU.
YOU KNOW THAT...?
AFTER ALL, NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THEIR LAST MOMENT WILL COME...
WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT STUPID WORDS?!
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NEVER TO LEAVE THE ONE YOU LOVE.

DAMN~, LOOK AT ALL THIS SWEAT!
BEAUTIFUL...
THAT'S ALL BULLSHIT!
I WATCHED IN AWE. DAB'S CLEAR SWEAT DROPS SPARKED ON HIS CARAMEL SKIN, LIKE SO MANY CRYSTALLINE GRAINS OF SAND

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR SHIRT OFF, TOO? IT'LL COOL YOU OFF.
AT THAT MOMENT...
I FELT A DESIRE ARISE WITHIN ME TO CARESS DAI'S SKIN WHOSE SCARS SHONE LIKE MEDALS...
AND MY DESIRE TO KISS HIS EYES, SHINING LIKE THE SUN, SOARED
AND
I LOVE YOU.
LIKE THE SWELTERING HEAT
LOVE ... ROSE UP RELENTLESSLY
AND I ADMIRE YOU.
I...
I...
I SUDDENLY STARTED CHOKING
MAYBE IT WAS MY SORROW THAT SWELLED UP LIKE A HABIT WHENEVER I WAS WITH DAI.
KEEP TELLING ME ...
...

COME ON...
I CAN'T...
REMEMBER WHAT I WANTED TO SAY...
DOESN'T MATTER. KEEP TALKING I JUST WANT TO LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE.
YOUR VOICE SOUNDS NICER WITH MY EYES CLOSED LIKE THIS.
...I CAN'T TALK. I'M CHOKING.
WHY ARE YOU CHOKING?
NO REASON ..
IT JUST IS... I CAN'T SAY WHY...
DON'T BE LIKE THAT. WHEN I LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE... I FEEL RELIEVED
DO YOU THINK THERE'S SUCH THING AS AN "ENDING" FOR US?
NOTHING IN THIS WORLD DOESN'T HAVE ONE.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT CAN COMFORT US, IT'S ..

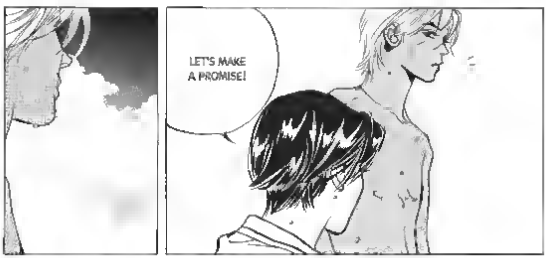
THAT WE CAN'T IMAGINE OUR OWN END.

WE CAN'T... KNOW IT...?

FOR ME...
I CAN'T IMAGINE IT.

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE TOGETHER RIGHT NOW. BUT WHAT IF WHEN WE'RE APART?
SOMEDAY... THE END WILL PROBABLY COME TO US, WITHOUT FAIL...

IT MIGHT BE COMING FOR US RIGHT NOW FROM VERY FAR AWAY...
SO THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE END...
I MEAN NATURALLY... LIKE THE WAY PEOPLE DO WHEN THEY GROW VERY OLD.


LET'S MAKE A PROMISE!

EVEN IF "WE" COME TO AN END, IT HAS TO BE WHEN WE HAVEN'T STILL LOST OUR LOVE.
YOU THINK OUR LOVE'S GONNA GET USED UP AND DISAPPEAR?
I THINK...
OUR LOVE IS...
TOO LONELY.

IT HURTS TOO MUCH. .
IS IT.... SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL THIS NERVOUS ..
IT FEELS LIKE A FESTIVAL JUMBLED WITH PAIN.
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!

DAI

OOF!
OOF!
OOF!
HUFF
HUFF

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU . I'M BLEEDING!
HURTS HUH?
WHY DID YOU... BITE ME?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU...
THAT I WANTED TO... EAT YOU
I REALLY ALMOST ATE YOU.
!
COOL..
PBT PBT
PBT
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... HAHA!
HAHA
PWA
PBT
PBT
MEH
MEH
MEH
MEH
THAT'S OUR END.
THE MOMENT YOU GET EATEN BY ME...
KEK
KEK
ALTHOUGH . WE DISGUISED OUR PAIN WITH LAUGHTER, THIS MAY BE THE HAPPIEST END ONE CAN HAVE.

THAT'S COOL, DAE!
JAEHEE.
WHAT...?
... THE BLUE SKY IS FALLING DOWN INTO MY CLOSED EYES.
YEAH...
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE...?
... IN HEAVEN.

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NO! I SAID I DON'T WANT TO!
I'D RATHER DIE! I'M NOT GONNA GO TO SCHOOL, NEVER!
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TELL YOUR FATHER?!
INTO THE SADNESS... INTO THE DESPERATE LONGING... INTO THE THROBBING HEART INTO THE PAIN..
INTO THE LINGERING ATTACHMENT INTO THE RESTLESS HEART... INTO THE HURT
OH, GOD. MY HEAD . OH, GOD...
LOSE YOURSELF INTO THEM IN WHICHEVER WAY YOU CAN!
EUNHYUNG!
EUNHYUNG!
WHO CAN SAY WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING?
PC

DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE WENT?
I DON'T ..
I SEE. THANK YOU.
CLICK
.....
I WANT TO BE COMFORTED BY SOMEONE...
BY SOMEONE...
NAKU I WANT TO SEE HIM
WHY IS HE ON MY MIND OF ALL THINGS?
REALLY... MY HEART MUST'VE BECOME PATHETICALLY FRAGILE.
HELLO?
UM.. IS SEHEE THERE?
SHE WENT OUT A LITTLE WHILE AGO TO MEET A FRIEND...

STILL...
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HIM
MY HEART GETS WARM
BUT
I FEEL SO SAD...
WHY AM I FEELING
THIS WAY?
ON A DAY LIKE TODAY...
I DON'T WANT TO GO IN! YOU CAN JUST GO IN BY YOURSELF!
.. I REALLY MISS HIM
WHY DO YOU HATE THAT IDEA SO MUCH?
LET GO!
WHATEVER, LET'S GO IN I MUST SEE YOONEUN!
THEN, WE'RE GOING TO HIDE AND WATCH HER, OKAY?!
I MEAN I'M GOING TO BE HIDING...
DANG! THERE!

YOONEUN, CAN YOU WATCH THE COUNTER, PLEASE?
YOONEUN'S CONFESSION FROM THAT DAY WAS SOMEWHAT SHOCKING.
FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER OUR MEETING... I COULDN'T FALL ASLEEP EASILY.
EVEN NOW... I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT THESE STIFF AND AWKWARD FEELINGS THAT WASH OVER ME
HEY! LET'S MOVE TO THE SIDE! WE'RE TOO NOTICEABLE!

Workers
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY DUCKING AROUND YOONEUN TODAY.
SAY IT. WHY DID YOU HAVE TO COME HERE?
I JUST CAME BY HERE WITHOUT ANY EXPECTATIONS, BUT...
AHH... I M REALLY COMFORTED
SHOULD I SAY HI?
THU-THUMP
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL AS ALWAYS... YOONEUN
ENOUGN TO STEAL MY HEART...

YOU... YOU LIKE YOONEUN?
I GUESS I CAN SAY THAT, BUT...
WHY? I CAN'T?
N...NO.
I THOUGHT... YOU LIKED EUNHYUNG.
I'M BEING SERIOUS
YOU LOOK SERIOUS.
WNY OF ALL DAYS DOES IT HAVE TO BE TODAY?

WHY, OF ALL DAYS... DO I HAVE TO HEAR THAT TODAY?
IT PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE TO BE TODAY...
...PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE TO BE TODAY...
NO... IF IT JUST WASN'T THIS MOMENT.
ACTUALLY... I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO CHECK MY FEELINGS.
WHAT FEELINGS?
YOU SEE, I'VE NEVER DATED A GIRL... I WANTED TO MAKE AND SAVE MONEY...
BUT... I'LL HAVE TO BREAK THAT "TABOO"...
DO YOU MIND... IF I LIKE EUNHYUNG?
YOU WERE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HER, YOU KNOW.

SO, IT WAS EUNHYUNG?
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
BUT WHEN I LOOK AT YOONEUN NOW, I REALIZE IT WAS EUNHYUNG I TRULY LIKE.
YOU WON'T BE JEALOUS IF I GO OUT WITH HER, RIGHT?
I'VE ALREADY LOST THAT PRIVILEGE...
I MIGHT—!
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU NARU...
OH...
WHEN DID YOU GUYS COME?
IF IT'S YOU IT'LL BE POSSIBLE TO WASH AWAY EUNHYUNG'S SCARS
Y...YOONEUN.
CONGRATU LATIONS.
WH...WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU REALLY HAVE A WAY OF LOOKING AT PEOPLE.
YOU BET I DO!
ACTUALLY...
EUNHYUNG GOT HERE JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO. DIDN'T YOU SEE HER?

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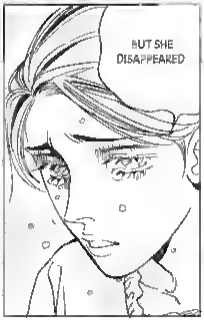
THE BIRD THAT FLIES DOWNWARD IS...
SUCH A DESOLATE WORLD... I COLLAPSE TO THE GROUND AND LAY DOWN CURLED IN THE WAY I FALL... I CAN'T BELIEVE...
I'M... TOO TIRED... TOO TIRED TO STAND AGAIN...
AND TOO TIRED NOW... TO OPEN MY EYES
SUCH A DESOLATE WORLD... THAT I MUST WANDER WITH MY TWO SMALL FEET... I CAN'T BELIEVE...

I'M TOO... TIRED...
I WANT TO REST NOW...
I REALLY DO NOW...

YOU DIDN'T GO TO SLEEP YET?
SHE HASN'T COME HOME. I JUST COULDN'T FALL ASLEEP...
WHAT ABOUT MOM?

SHE'S TOSSING AND TURNING, PRETENDING TO SLEEP.
EUNHYUNG DIDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT GOING ANYWHERE, HUH?
SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE WASN'T FEELING GOOD, SO I TOLD HER TO WAIT FOR ME SO I COULD TREAT HER TO SOMETHING TASTY...


BUT SHE DISAPPEARED

DAD... I'M SO NERVOUS THAT I'M ABOUT TO GO CRAZY.
I DON'T THINK I CAN DO ANYTHING UNTIL SHE COMES BACK.
BECAUSE I'M SO NERVOUS...

IT'S OKAY... IT'S OKAY...
EUNHYUNG'S... FINE. DON'T WORRY
NO.. WHENEVER EUNHYUNG DOESN'T COME BACK HOME...
I'M NERVOUS! I'M NERVOUS!
SOMETHING.. ALWAYS HAPPENS.
COME BACK SOON PLEASE, EUNHYUNG
DID SOMETHING BAD HAPPEN?
YES, FATHER!
WHAT, ARE YOU CRAZY?! TELL MOM AND DAD?!
HOW COULD THAT POSSIBLY HELP?! YOU THINK MOM AND DAD WILL UNDERSTAND?
IF YOU EVER OPEN YOUR MOUTH... THEN I'LL REALLY KILL MYSELF!
HONEY, STOP CRYING AND TELL ME.
DAD.
WHAT ABOUT EUNHYUNG?
SHE, LAST WINTER...
YOONEUN
THE DAY YOU AND MOM STAYED THE NIGHT AT THE HOSPITAL GRANDMA WAS ADMITTED AT...
SHE WAS GANG RAPED.
!

WHERE... IS THIS...?

I MUST LIVE...
I MUST LIVE... EVEN IN SUCH AN UNFAMILIAR PLACE AS THIS.
I WANT TO LIVE SO I CAN LOVE...
AND BE LOVED...

IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE IF I HAD STOPPED GROWING FROM THAT SHINING MOMENT

STILL..
I SHOULD..
LIVE..
I SHOULD LIVE... EVEN IN SUCH AN UNFAMILIAR PLACE AS THIS..

THAT NIGHT I HAD A NIGHTMARE WHERE I WAS ENDLESSLY BEING DRAGGED AROUND BY A LOATHSOME MONSTER TO SOME UNFAMILIAR PLACE
SOMEWHERE INSIDE ME...
THAT MONSTER RELENTLESSLY LIVED ON
UNTIL IT DEVOURED ME WITH ITS LARGE MOUTH
I WAS VERY EXHAUSTED
EUNHYUNG'S FIRST DEATH... BOUNCED OFF THE ROOF OF A DESTROYED STREET VENDOR'S CART.
AND WHEN EUN...HYUNG...
STRUGGLED TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...

A CHILL SEIZED HER TINY BODY. EVEN, THOUGH, THE NIGHT SWELTERED IN THE SUMMER HEAT.
HER BLOOD SWAM AND BOILED INTO HER MOUTH FROM SOME UNKNOWN PART OF HER BODY AND...
HOME. LET'S GO BACK. HOME...
EVERY TIME EUNHYUNG SHOOK WITH HER BLOODY COUGHS, HER WELTERING FOOTPRINTS STREAKED AND DANCED ALONG THE SIDEWALK.

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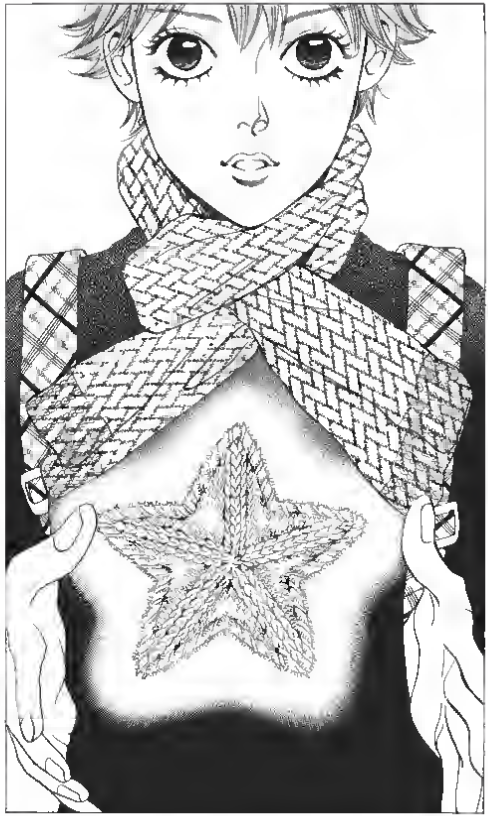

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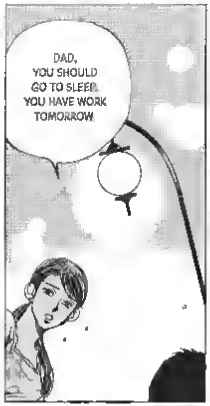
DAD, YOU SHOULD GO TO SLEEP. YOU HAVE WORK TOMORROW.

IT'S... ALL MY FAULT.
ALL THESE YEARS, I'VE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT FEEDING MY KIDS...
I NEVER KNEW HOW TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH MY FAMILY.
HOW... ... HOW CAN LIFE BE SO CRUEL...

I THOUGHT IF I JUST WORKED HARD A DAY WOULD EVENTUALLY COME WHEN WE'D BE COMFORTABLE.
BUT,... THAT WASN'T HOW THINGS TURNED OUT...

YOU KIDS... YOU'VE GROWN UP SO FAST IN NO TIME... AND NO LONGER NEED ME.

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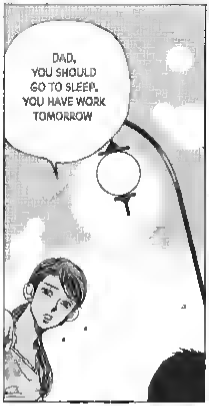
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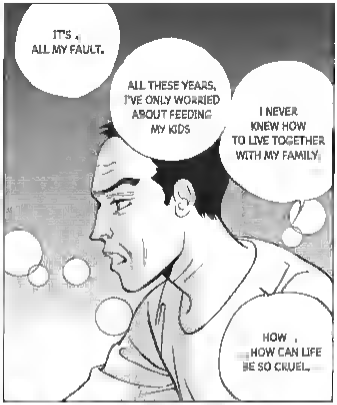
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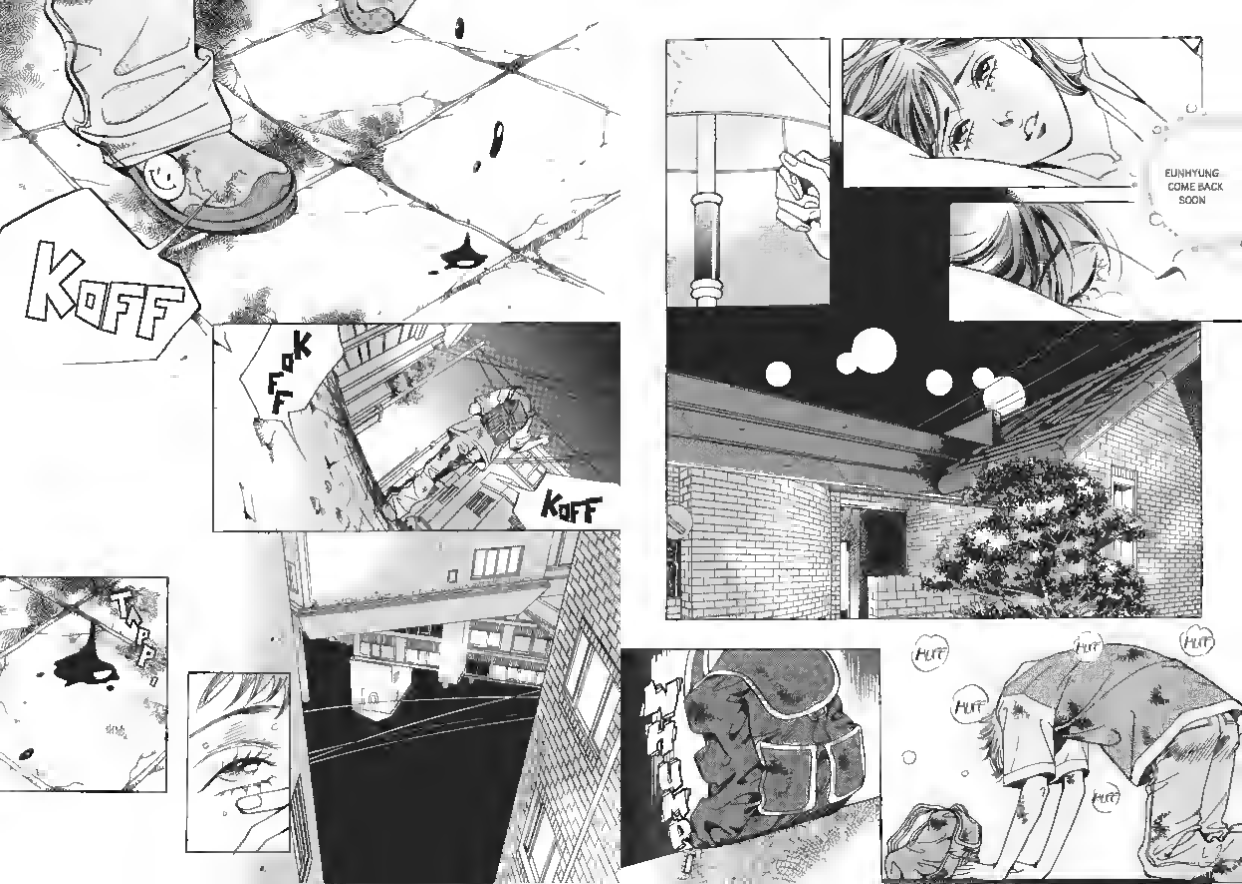
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TPP
THUMP!
EUNHYUNG COME BACK SOON
HUFF
HUFF
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HUFF

KOFF
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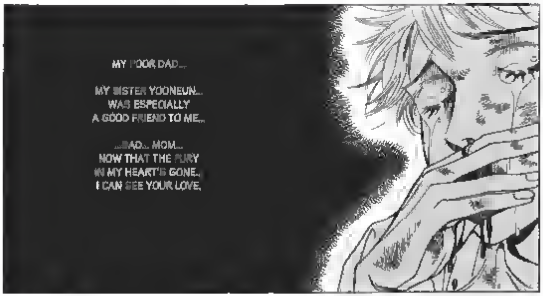
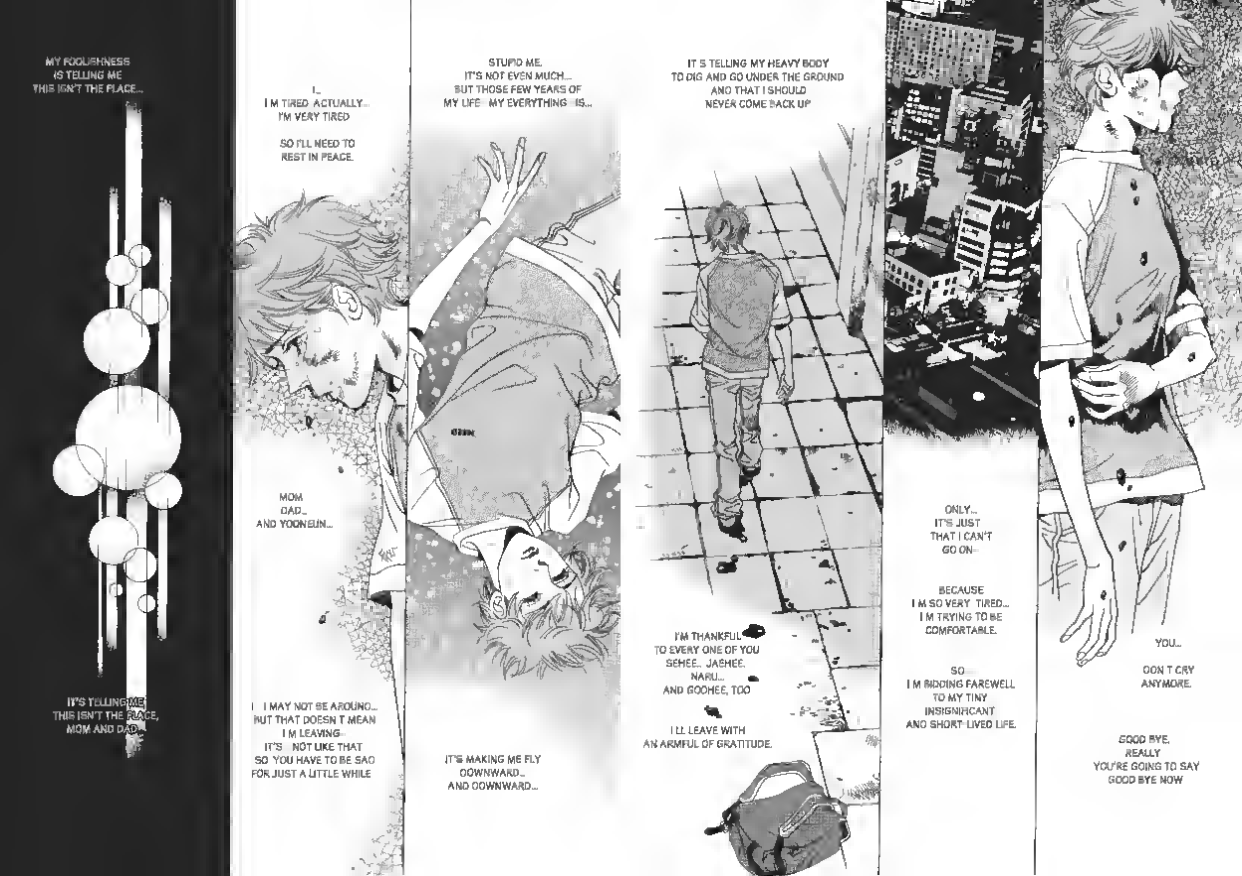
KOFF
I'M COLD...
KOFF
SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH MY BODY...
I CAN'T... GO INSIDE THIS PLACE.

I MUST... LIVE...
I MUST... LIVE...
BUT MY FOOLISHNESS IS TELLING ME NOT TO GO INSIDE THIS PLACE
KIFI
NOW MUCH TOO LATE I CAN SEE THE TRUTH.
MY INNOCENT MOM KNEW NOTHING...
MY FATHER WAS SCARY WITH HIS TALK SOMETIMES, BUT IN REALITY HE ALWAYS LIVED ONLY FOR US


MY POOR DAD...
MY SISTER YOONEUN... WAS ESPECIALLY A GOOD FRIEND TO ME...
...DAD... MOM... NOW THAT THE FURY IN MY HEART IS GONE... I CAN SEE YOUR LOVE.

BUT YOU'RE EUNHYUNG...
I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE WITH ALL MY MIGHT
SHE MUST BE TOO FAR AWAY FROM YOU
I BARELY MADE IT HERE...

I'M SCARED MOM AND DAD
I'M SCARED...
BUT I KEEP GETTING THE IDEA THAT THIS ISN'T WHERE I SHOULD BE...


MY ROGUISHNESS
IS TELLING ME
THIS ISN'T THE PLACE...
IT'S TELLING ME
THIS ISN'T THE PLACE,
MOM AND DAD...
I...
I'M TIRED. ACTUALLY...
I'M VERY TIRED
SO I'LL NEED TO
REST IN PEACE.
MOM
DAD...
AND YOONSUN...
I... I MAY NOT BE AROUND...
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN
I'M LEAVING.
IT'S... NOT LIKE THAT
SO YOU HAVE TO BE SAD
FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE
STUPID ME.
IT'S NOT EVEN MUCH...
BUT THOSE FEW YEARS OF
MY LIFE... MY EVERYTHING... IS...
IT'S MAKING ME FLY
OOWNWARD...
AND OOWNWARD...
IT'S TELLING MY HEAVY BODY
TO DIG AND GO UNDER THE GROUND
AND THAT I SHOULD
NEVER COME BACK UP
I'M THANKFUL
TO EVERY ONE OF YOU
SEHEE... JASHEE.
NARU...
AND GOOHEE, TOO
I'LL LEAVE WITH
AN ARMFUL OF GRATITUDE.
ONLY...
IT'S JUST
THAT I CAN'T
GO ON...
BECAUSE
I'M SO VERY TIRED...
I'M TRYING TO BE
COMFORTABLE.
SO...
I'M BIDDING FAREWELL
TO MY TINY
INSIGNIFICANT
AND SHORT-LIVED LIFE.
YOU...
DON'T CRY
ANYMORE.
GOOD BYE.
REALLY
YOU'RE GOING TO SAY
GOOD BYE NOW

EUNHYUNG..
ARE YOU... COMFORTABLE NOW?

...ARE YOU COMFORTABLE...?
IDENTIFY THE BODY, PLEASE.

I'LL DIE...
I'LL DIE... OOOO...
MOM... CALM DOWN!
WHY?
EUNHYUNG... EUNHYUNG... PLEASE COME BACK... MOM WAS WRONG...
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO GO ON.
WHY ?
HOW CAN I LIVE AFTER SEEING YOU LIKE THIS?
WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU...
WHY ON EARTH DID YOU DO IT?
NO-! NO-!
NO— O— NO!
YOUR MOM WAS WRONG. I WAS ..
MY BABY .. PLEASE COME BACK... NO...
I'LL DIE.
NO, EUNHYUNG! COME BACK!

NOT EVERYTHING THAT SOARS IS A BIRO

OH, ANO NOT ALL THAT SOARS IS JOY ANO ECSTASY

ABOVE THE LONELY WINOOWS ANO ROOFTOPS OF THIS OARK EARTH

ORAWING YOUR GAZE

BORROWING YOUR WINGS

ONE BREATHING WHOLE SHATTERS INTO THOUSANOS OF PIECES

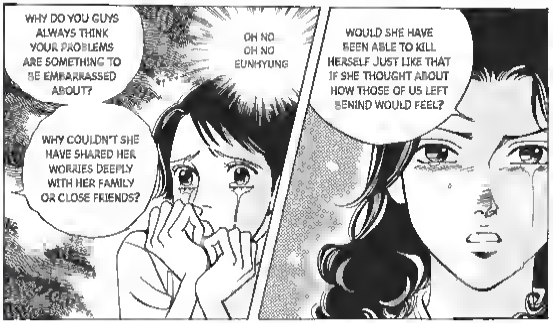
ANO BURIES ITSELF IN THE VOIO FLOWING BETWEEN
THE OESOLATE PARTICLES OF AIR.

FROM "MY BOOY TO THE BIROS"

I HAVE SAD NEWS TO REPORT TO YOU GUYS TODAY.
I SWORE TO MYSELF... THAT I WOULD DO MY BEST NOT TO PASS SUCH NEWS WHILE I'M IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION...
BUT IT SEEMS I... NO, ALL OF US DIDN'T TRY ENOUGH.
HEY! WHAT'S WITH THE TEACHER?
...
DUNNO! GUESS SOMETHING'S UP.
TODAY .. I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM EUNHYUNG'S PARENTS.
?
EUNHYUNG HAS... COMMITTED SUICIDE.
IT WAS SUICIDE... NOT AN ACCIDENT.
WHY YOU CHILDREN SHOULD FEEL THE URGE TO DIE...
IT HURTS ME AND MAKES ME FULLY REALIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY I HAVE AS A TEACHER AND AN ADULT IN THIS SOCIETY.
FOR THE FIRST TIME... SINCE I BECAME A TEACHER... I'M TRULY FEELING HOPELESSNESS THAT'S BEYOND MY CONTROL.

THE ONLY THING I WANT YOU GUYS TO KNOW IS...
THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS FAR TOO MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES IN LIFE FOR YOU TO DESPAIR ENOUGH TO DIE...

MURMUR ... MURMUR ... MURMUR

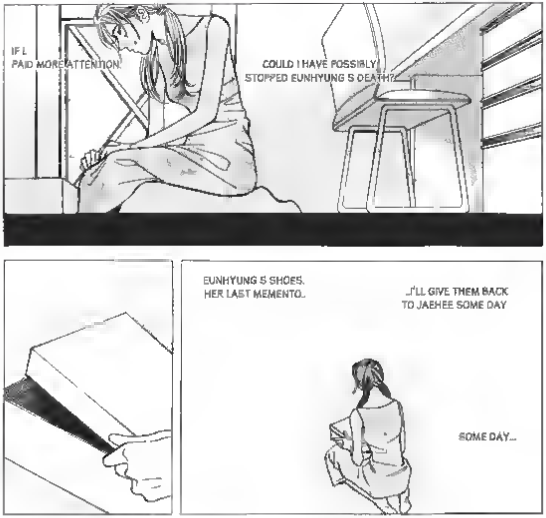

WHY DO YOU GUYS ALWAYS THINK YOUR PROBLEMS ARE SOMETHING TO BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT?
WHY COULDN'T SHE HAVE SHARED HER WORRIES DEEPLY WITH HER FAMILY OR CLOSE FRIENDS?
OH NO. OH NO EUNHYUNG
WOULD SHE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KILL HERSELF JUST LIKE THAT IF SHE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW THOSE OF US LEFT BEHIND WOULD FEEL?

I HATE YOUR WEAKNESS.

BECAUSE IT HURTS ME SO MUCH TO SEE IT .. AND BECAUSE I MIGHT ALSO BE LULLED INTO DESPAIRING ABOUT OUR WORLD, LOOKING AT HOW YOU GUYS ARE.

WE, THE ADULTS, ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD BE DYING, YOU FOOLS!
WHY ARE YOU SO WEAK...?! WHY SO--?!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO WEAK WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY TRIALS TO OVERCOME LIVING IN THIS WORLD--?

HER BAG IS RIPPED TO PIECES
BUT HER SHOES ARE CLEAN.
MAYBE THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE
AS MUCH SHOCK
BECAUSE THEY ARE LIGHTER ?
OUR SWEET
EUNHYUNG...
HOW MUCH PAIN
WOULD SHE HAVE SUFFERED
WHEN SHE FELL...?
HOW DID SHE BEAR THAT
SHOCK...?


IF I
PAID MORE ATTENTION!
COULD I HAVE POSSIBLY
STOPPED EUNHYUNG'S DEATH?
EUNHYUNG'S SHOES.
HER LAST MEMENTO..
..I'LL GIVE THEM BACK
TO JAEHEE SOME DAY
SOME DAY...

ANYWAY,
WHY IS IT SO
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET
A GLANCE AT
THAT GIRL,
EUNHYUNG,
THESE DAYS?
TELL ME 'BOUT IT.

SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HER AT HER SCHOOL?
I DUNNO... SOMETHING FEELS MISSING. I FEEL HUNGRY EVEN AFTER I EAT.
I DON'T FEEL REFRESHED EVEN AFTER I YAWN.
I DON'T FEEL RESTED EVEN AFTER I SLEEP.
EVEN CANDY DOESN'T TASTE SWEET ANYMORE...
BOSS, IT'S NOT THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR PRIDE!
WHEN WE HUNG OUT LAST TIME, I NOTICED THAT EUNHYUNG WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN YOU.
THINKS SHE'S INTERESTED IN HIM
WHAT D'YOU SAY?!
IF SHE WAS, SHE WOULD'VE CONTACTED YOU A WHILE AGO...
SHUT IT!
LIKE— SOMETHING HUGE IS MISSING...
WELL, I'M TELLING YOU— IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T GET TO SEE EUNHYUNG!
SUCH A CRUEL WITCH! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH PRIDE.
WHY ISN'T SHE SHOWING HER FACE ANYWAY?
HMPH! YOU THINK YOU'RE ALL THAT I DON'T THINK SO
YOU MEANIE. NO WAY I'LL CONTACT YOU BEFORE YOU CALL ME!

EUNHYUNG'S DEAD?
YOONEUN, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU CAME SUCH A LONG WAY TO GET HERE.
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?

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HER ASHES WILL NEED TO BE SCATTERED...
WILL YOU COME WITH ME?
AH.
MOM COLLAPSED FROM THE SHOCK. SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET UP.
FATHER CAN'T LEAVE HIS SEAT, BECAUSE HE HAS TO TAKE CARE OF MOM.
PERHAPS THEY JUST COULDN'T BRING THEMSELVES TO SAY GOODBYE TO THEIR DAUGHTER AWAY WITH THEIR OWN HANDS.

HOW...
I'M TRYING TO GO TO THE FIRST BEACH EUNHYUNG EVER WENT TO IN HER LIFE.
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO GO BACK THERE ONCE AGAIN..
SHE SAID SHE REALLY... WANTED TO GO BACK...
SOB..
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SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB
IT HURTS THAT I'M ALIVE AND WELL LIKE THIS... EVEN AFTER... EUNHYUNG... IS GONE.
IT HURTS TOO MUCH..

JAEHEE.
YOON -EUN...
I M SWEATING... TOO MUCH...
I CAN'T MOVE BECAUSE OF THIS SWEATING.

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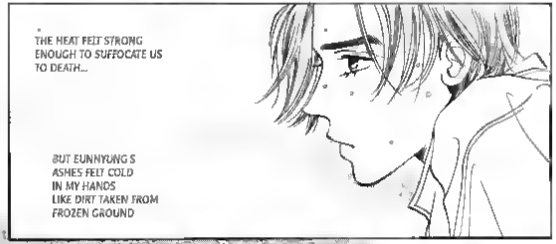
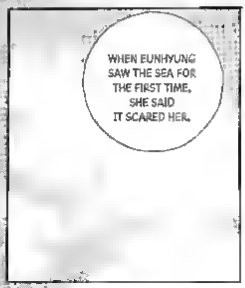
I BID YOU FAREWELL

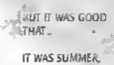
WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE SEA
THAT EUNHYUNG SO YEARNED
TO COME BACK TO...
I FELT HER DEATH AS REALITY
FOR THE FIRST TIME.

IT WAS...
IN THAT MOMENT THAT
I TOUCHED EUNHYUNG'S
BONES NOW ONLY
A HANDFUL OF POWDER

HAD THERE NOT BEEN A MOMENT FOR ME TO TOUCH EUNHYUNG'S DEATH IN THIS MANNER...
HER DEATH WOULD HAVE JUST BECOME A DULL MEMORY

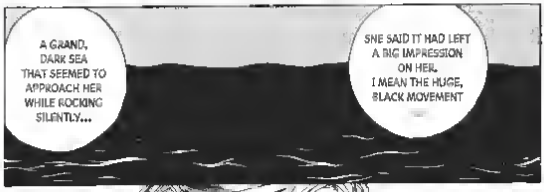

THE HEAT FELT STRONG ENOUGH TO SUFFOCATE US TO DEATH...
BUT EUNHYUNG'S ASHES FELT COLD IN MY HANDS LIKE DIRT TAKEN FROM FROZEN GROUND


WHEN EUNHYUNG SAW THE SEA FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHE SAID IT SCARED HER.


BUT IT WAS GOOD THAT..
IT WAS SUMMER, BECAUSE THE SEA WAS WARM

SHE WAS IN 9TH GRADE WHEN SHE FIRST CAME TO THE BEACH
OUR FAMILY HAD LEFT HOME LATE ENOUGH THAT WE ARRIVED HERE AT NIGHT.

SO, THE NIGHT SEA WAS THE FIRST SEA SHE EVER KNEW.


A GRAND, DARK SEA THAT SEEMED TO APPROACH HER WHILE ROCKING SILENTLY...
SHE SAID IT HAD LEFT A BIG IMPRESSION ON HER. I MEAN THE HUGE, BLACK MOVEMENT

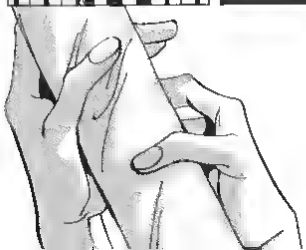
THE NEXT DAY, SHE SAW THE BLUE SEA..
AND SAID THAT SHE WOULD MAKE SURE TO COME DIE AT THE SEA WHEN IT'S HER TIME TO GO.

THEN... MOM AND DAD SCOLDED HER FOR SAYING SUCH A THING...
THE MORE YOU FEEL YOU'VE BEEN DONE WRONG... THE MORE YOU SHOULD RESOLVE TO SURVIVE AND STAND WITH DIGNITY...
AND FORGET THE WHOLE THING COMPLETELY. ISN'T THAT HOW LIFE IS SUPPOSED TO BE LIVED?
MY FEELINGS ABOUT EUNHYUNG'S DEATH THAT I HAD SUPPRESSED DEEP INSIDE BEGAN TO EXPLODE.
IF YOU DON'T SURVIVE, HOW WILL YOU GET A CHANCE TO THROW STONES AT THOSE WHO DID YOU WRONG?!
FOR MEN, IT MAY BE JUST ANOTHER FUN THING TO DO. BUT FOR WOMEN, WHAT HAPPENED TO EUNHYUNG IS SOMETHING THAT BRANDS US WITH SHAME. IT GIVES BIRTH TO A WRATH THAT MEN CAN'T FATHOM.
IT'S ENOUGH TO TORTURE US FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. YOU CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT!
STILL--I DEATH GIVES THOSE WHO LOVED YOU SCARS THAT CAN'T BE HEALED--.
IT MAY GIVE THE DEAD REST, BUT THOSE OF US WHO LIVE WILL SUFFER PAINS THAT NEVER END.
IN THE END, EUNHYUNG'S DEATH IS DOING NOTHING.
BUT HURTING THOSE WHO LOVED HER AND THOSE SHE LOVED!
I FEEL SO-- SO ANGRY! I FEEL SO ANGRY, I THINK I'M GOING INSANE!
WHY DID EUNHYUNG HAVE TO DIE--?! THE BASTARDS WHO SHOULD DIE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN REMEMBER HER.

BUT,
SHE'S GONE
EUNHYUNG'S
GONE

YOONEUN AND I
DIDN'T SPEAK ANYMORE...

BUT WE WERE BOTH HURTING
FROM EUNHYUNG'S ABSENCE
AND BY THE FACT THAT
SHE HAD TO BEAR
ALL THAT SHE DID

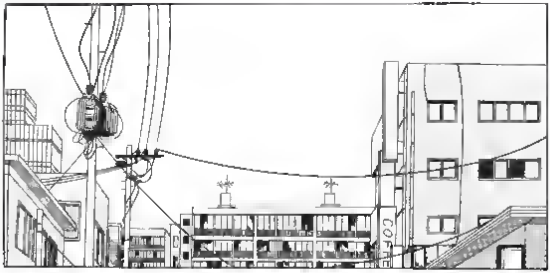


TAK TAK
THEY HAVE MUCH LOWER WALLS THAN OUR SCHOOL...
A GIRLS' SCHOOL SHOULDN'T BE BUILT THIS EASY TO GET INTO.
I MANAGED TO GET THE KEY TO THIS SCHOOL'S ROOFTOP BY TALKING EUNHYUNG'S FRIEND SEHEE INTO GETTING IT FOR ME.
IT COST ME MY PRECIOUS DOUGH TO MAKE THIS BAHHER, BUT HEY IT'S NOTHING.
WHEH IT COMES TO MY LOVELY EUNHYUNG
I WAHHA RUN TO HER RIGHT THIS MOMENT...
BUT I DON'T WAHT HER TO THINK IT'S SOME JOKE.

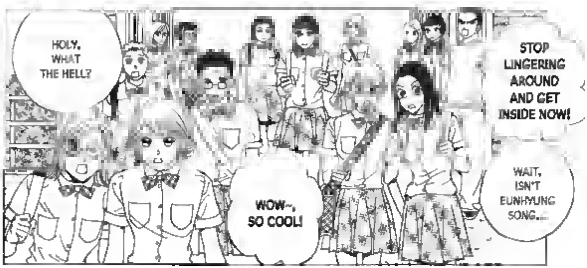
I'VE GOT TO THROW HER AN EVENT; SOMETHING MAGNIFICENT EXCEPTIONAL, ORIGINAL, AND BRAVE..
JUST LIKE MYSELF TEE HEE HEE.
I WONDER HOW MUCH EUNHYUNG WILL BE SHOCKED TO SEE THIS WHEN SHE COMES TO SCHOOL TOMORROW MORNING
I HEARD SHE COMES TO SCHOOL EARLY
HEH HEH
WHOOSHH
I WENT THROUGH SO MUCH WORK, HOPING TO SWEEP HER OFF HER FEET
FLU TTER
EUNHYUNG PLEASE ACCEPT MY FEELINGS!

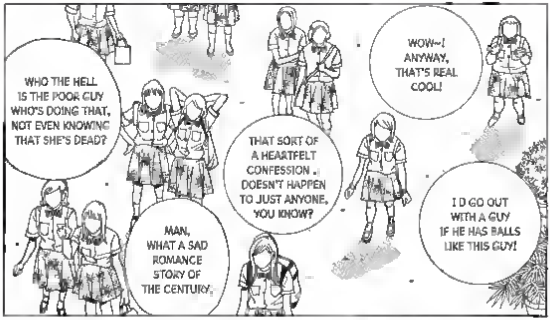
DONE!
PLOP
HEH!
GO, NARU
HAGI!

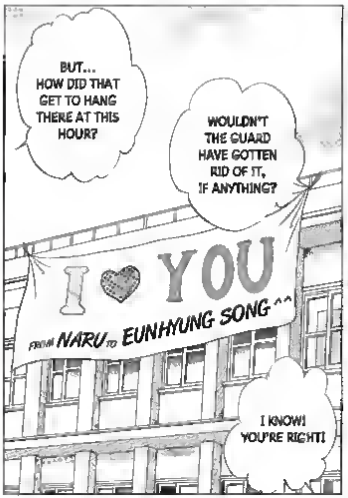
I ♥ YOU
FROM NARU TO EUNHYUNG SONG ^^



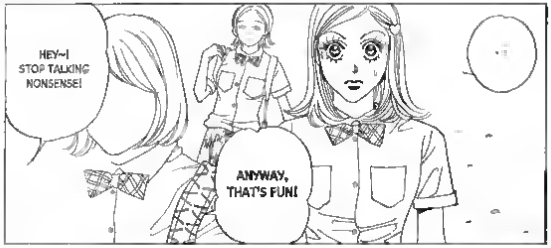
OMIGOD.. OMIGOD, LOOK AT THAT!
HURRY UP, KIDS, AND GO TO YOUR CLASSES!
WHOA, GOSH, I DON'T BELIEVE IT~!

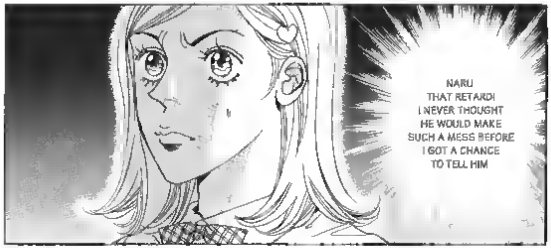

HOLY, WHAT THE HELL?
WOW~, SO COOL!
STOP LINGERING AROUND AND GET INSIDE NOW!
WAIT, ISN'T EUNHYUNG SONG...


WHO THE HELL IS THE POOR GUY WHO'S DOING THAT, NOT EVEN KNOWING THAT SHE'S DEAD?
MAN, WHAT A SAD ROMANCE STORY OF THE CENTURY.
THAT SORT OF A HEARTFELT CONFESSION , DOESN'T HAPPEN TO JUST ANYONE, YOU KNOW?
WOW~! ANYWAY, THAT'S REAL COOL!
I'D GO OUT WITH A GUY IF HE HAS BALLS LIKE THIS GUY!

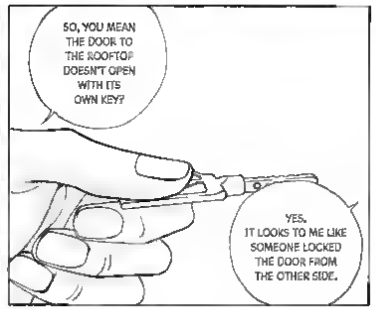

BUT... HOW DID THAT GET TO HANG THERE AT THIS HOUR?
WOULDN'T THE GUARD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF IT, IF ANYTHING?
I ♥ YOU
FROM NARU TO EUNHYUNG SONG ^^
I KNOW! YOU'RE RIGHT!

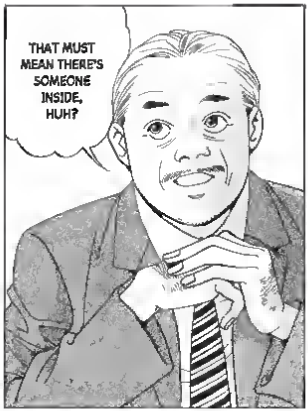
MAYBE THE TEACHERS DIDN'T SEE IT YET!
THAT'S SO STRANGE.
OH, YEAH! MAYBE ONLY WE CAN SEE IT!

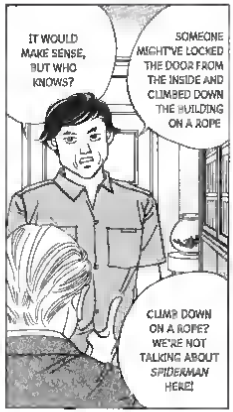

HEY~! STOP TALKING NONSENSE!
ANYWAY, THAT'S FUN!


NARU THAT RETARD! I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD MAKE SUCH A MESS BEFORE I GOT A CHANCE TO TELL HIM

I DIDN'T GET TO DO ANYTHING BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO EUNHYUNG YOU IDIOT!


SO, YOU MEAN THE DOOR TO THE ROOFTOP DOESN'T OPEN WITH ITS OWN KEY?
YES. IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE SOMEONE LOCKED THE DOOR FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

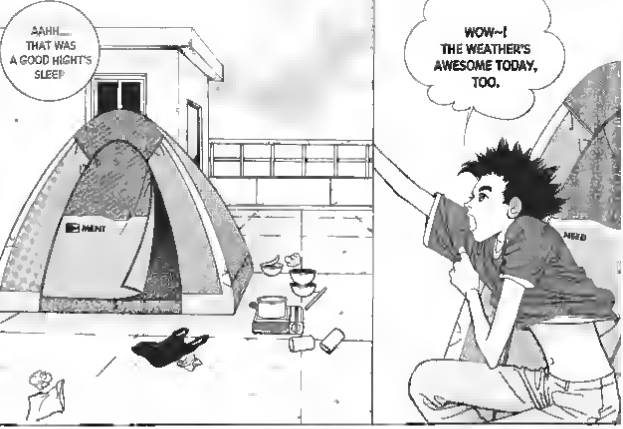

THAT MUST MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE, HUH?

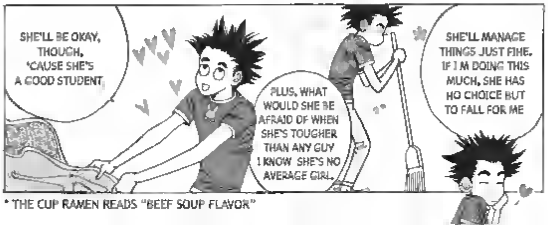

IT WOULD MAKE SENSE, BUT WHO KNOWS?
SOMEONE MIGHT'VE LOCKED THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE AND CLIMBED DOWN THE BUILDING ON A ROPE
CLIMB DOWN ON A ROPE? WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT SPIDERMAN HERE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN MY 20 YEARS OF WORKING AS A GUARD

SAME HERE. IN MY 30 YEARS OF TEACHING.

I DON'T KNOW WHO, BUT I'D LIKE TO APPLAUD HIS BRAVERY, IF NOTHING ELSE.
MISTER PRINCIPAL! YOU RE JOKING, RIGHT?
HAHAHA... LET'S DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO COME UP WITH A PLAN




SHE'LL BE OKAY, THOUGH, 'CAUSE SHE'S A GOOD STUDENT.
PLUS, WHAT WOULD SHE BE AFRAID OF WHEN SHE'S TOUGHER THAN ANY GUY I KNOW. SHE'S NO AVERAGE GIRL.
SHE'LL MANAGE THINGS JUST FINE. IF I M DOING THIS MUCH, SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO FALL FOR ME

* THE CUP RAMEN READS "BEEF SOUP FLAVOR"

OF COURSE, I HAVE THE LOOKS TO CONQUER HER ANY TIME, BUT STILL... HEH HEH!
I WANT EVERY GIRL IN SCHOOL TO ENVY HER. .
DID I REALLY SUCCEED?

WHAM
WHAM
DAMN! THE OLD FARTS AT THIS SCHOOL ARE JUST IMPOSSIBLY SLOW!
THEY'VE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THAT STUPID DOOR FOR A WHILE NOW.
IF I WERE THEM, I WOULD'VE JUST USED DYNAMITE AND...
KTANGG
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG, SIRS.
WHAP
DRAG
DRAG
WHY IS THIS PUNK SPILLING HIS GUTS OUT SO EASILY? WHAT ARE YOU TRULY HIDING? IS THIS YOUR REAL SCHOOL I.D.?!

I'M TELLING YOU, EVERYTHING ON IT IS VALID! MY SCHOOL, CLASS, AND STUDENT NUMBER, ALL OF THEM!
WHAT KIND OF NAME IS THIS?
I DIDN'T MAKE UP THAT NAME-- WHAT CAN I DO?!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO CHECK, CALL MY HOMEROOM TEACHER.
I WAS PLANNING ON TURNING MYSELF IN AFTER FINISHING THE JOB.
I'M TELLING YOU, I HAVE NOT ONE INTENTION TO RUN AWAY!
HOW DARE YOU SHOW NO SIGN OF REMORSE AFTER BARGING INTO A "NO MAN'S LAND" AND MAKING SUCH A SCENE?
PHTOW

OKAY.. THAT'S ENOUGH.
IN ANY CASE, IT DOESN'T SEEM HE WAS TRYING TO RUN.
YES, MISTER PRINCIPAL!
YES... LOVE ITSELF IS A NATURAL AND BEAUTIFUL THING,
AND I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR BRAVERY, EXCEPT THAT IT WAS PRESENTED ON MY SCHOOL GROUNDS.
HOWEVER... WHAT CAN BECOME OF ALL THIS
IF YOUR BELOVED HAS PASSED AWAY?

EUNHYUNG SONG... IS DEAD.
SORRY?
THEY'VE ALREADY FINISHED HER FUNERAL SERVICES.

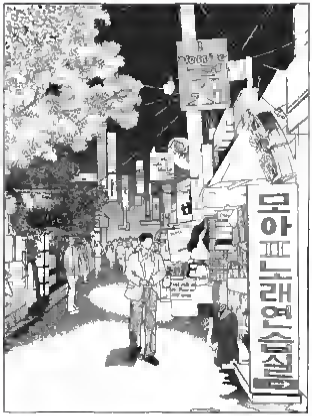
WHAT IS HE SAYING THAT FATSO
WHAT KIND OF BULLSHIT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
HEY! KID, SAY SOME-THING!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THIS KID, MISTER PRINCIPAL?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!!

TAK
TAK
I WON'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL I CHECK IT WITH YOONEUN
DAMN THIS IS ONE CRAZY MORNING...

YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
YOONEUN QUIT HER SISTER DIED...

SHWASSHH

...
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME, HUH?
YOU LIKE ME OR SOMETHING?
YEAH. I LIKE YOU.
BUT...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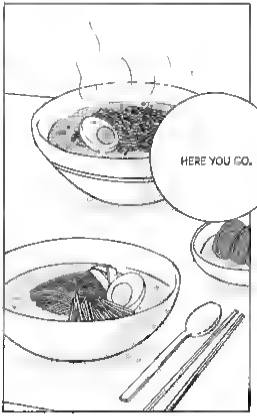
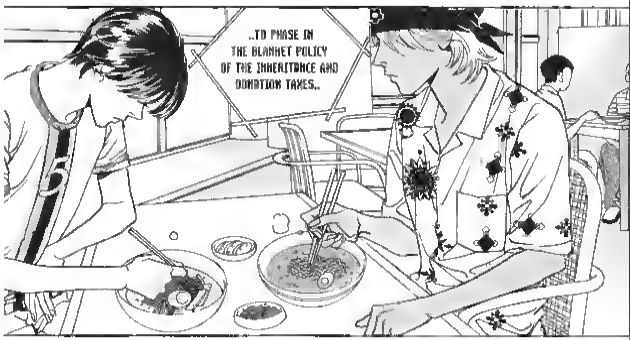

HERE YOU GO.

IT'S TOO LATE!
IT'S TOO FUCKING LATE!
I M LATE TO THE LAST MOMENT!
I M SORRY FOR THAT!
I M SORRY...
AND I MISS YOU
DAMN IT! DAMN IT!


..TO PHASE IN THE BLANKET POLICY OF THE INHERITANCE AND DONATION TAXES..

YOU GOT MONEY?
YEAH
SHOULD I PICK UP THE BILL, THEN?
YEAH.
I'LL PICK UP THE BILL, YOU PAY!
YEAH.

YOU'RE AN IDIOT, RIGHT?
YEAH.
.....
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH...

YEAH FOR THIS!
YEAH FOR THAT!
YOU WANNA DIE?
YEAH!
!
YEAH!
YEAH!

HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE GETTING ON MY NERVES...
I DIDN'T EVEN PROTECT HER...
I DIDN'T EVEN... CONSOLE HER.
EUNHYUNG COMMITTED SUICIDE

THAT'S WHY...
IT'S BEEN HARD FOR ME ... SINCE THAT DAY
TAK
..
AT THAT MOMENT
...HE SEEMED RATHER EXHAUSTED FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S OVERNIGHT INVESTIGATION
THE PROSECUTORS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE NOT FOUND ANY EVIDENCE OF HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CASE
THE TV CARRIED NEWS ABOUT DAI'S FATHER WHO HAD BEEN MAKING THE COVER PAGES OF ALL NEWSPAPERS
WITH HIS CORRUPTION SCANDAL THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS BUZZING ABOUT IT
DAI AND I DIDN'T SPEAK ANYMORE

YOU KNOW... LISTEN TO ME RIGHT NOW.
I'LL STAND BY YOU WHENEVER YOU'RE GOING THROUGH A HARD TIME.
PERHAPS DALI'S REALLY THE ONE WHO NEEDS SOMEONE TO COMFORT HIM
HIS FATHER'S SCANDAL HAD STIRRED UP SOMETHING UNEASY INSIDE HIM.
I FELT A CHANGE IN THE WAY DAI WAS FEELING TOWARD EUNHYUNG WHEN HE UTTERED THOSE WORDS THAT WERE SO UNLIKE HIM
PERHAPS... WHEN WE WEREN'T LOOKING EUNHYUNG SOMEHOW HAD MANAGED TO STEAL AWAY SOME PIECES FROM THE CORNER OF MY HEART.
EUNHYUNG'S LIFE LEFT US LIKE THAT
AND HER DEATH STAYED WITH US LIKE THAT
A—WE'L
TT
THE END
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DON'T HAM OR JAM
Belle
is a FRIED Ham!